

AMENDMENTS TO SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 3, line 12 as follows:

A number of other suitable materials are known in the art and may also be used for vibration reduction. One such foam preferably includes a polymeric base material, such as an ethylene-based polymer which, when compounded with appropriate ingredients (typically a blowing and curing agent), expands and cures in a reliable and predictable predictable manner upon the application of heat or the occurrence of a particular ambient condition. From a chemical standpoint for a thermally activated material, the vibration reducing foam is usually initially processed as a flowable thermoplastic material before curing. It will cross-link upon curing, which makes the material resistant of further flow or change of final shape.

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 4, line 32 as follows:

Generally, the assembly will include one or more masses of expandable material that expand to assist in securing the assembly in a cavity and to assist in sealing, baffling, structural reinforcement or a combination thereof within the cavity. In the preferred embodiment shown, the assembly 10 includes a first mass 24 of expandable material adjustably (e.g., movably, rotatably, or hingedly) attached to a second mass 26 of expandable material, although greater or fewer masses may be employed. It is also preferable for the assembly 10 to have the ability to self-adjust such that at least one of the first mass 24 and second mass 26 of expandable material can be more effectively positioned within a cavity of a vehicle such as the cavity 12 in Figs. 4 and 5.

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 5, line 10 as follows:

Referring to Figs. 1-3, there is illustrated one exemplary embodiment of the assembly 10 of the present invention. The assembly 10 includes a carrier 28 that is comprised of a first member 30 hingedly attached to a second member 32 via a fastener 34, which as shown is a pin. It is contemplated, however, that a variety of different fasteners may be used to movably connect the first member 30 to the second member 32 and such fasteners may be integral with or separate from the members 30, 32. Moreover, the term fastener may refer to any connecting or hinging device.

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 5, line 27 as follows:

In the exemplary embodiment shown, each of the members 30, 32 includes a first wall 38 and a second wall 40. Preferably, each of the first walls 38 are rotatably connected to each other via the fastener 34 and extend away from the fastener 34 forming an angle 44 (e.g., a right angle) such that the first walls 38 are skew (e.g., perpendicular) to each other. In the embodiment shown, each of the second walls 40 extends away from the first walls 38 at an angle 46 (e.g., a right angle) such that the second walls 40 38 are skew (e.g., perpendicular) to the first walls 38. In the preferred embodiment illustrated, the second walls 40 are disposed at an angle (e.g., a right angle) relative to each other such that the walls 40 are also skew (e.g., perpendicular) to each other.